

## **Listing of the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fibrous tampon for absorbing body fluids, the tampon comprising:

at least one inner layer having one or more malodor counteractant materials incorporated therein; and

at least one outer layer that along with said at least one inner layer forms ~~provides a cross-pad configuration to the fibrous tampon;~~

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is selected from the group consisting of: glycerin, glycerin compound, aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, citric acid, acetic acid, base, EDTA, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, and any mixtures thereof;

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is present in an amount between about 0.01 grams to about 0.12 grams,

~~wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials does not include ascorbic acid or its derivatives; and~~

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is in a liquid form.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The tampon of claim 1, wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is glycerin.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The tampon of claim 1, wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is present between about 0.1 grams to about 20% of the total weight of the tampon.

6. (Currently Amended) A fibrous tampon for absorbing body fluids, the tampon comprising:

at least one inner layer having liquid glycerin incorporated therein; and

at least one outer layer that along with said at least one inner layer forms  
~~provides a cross-pad configuration to the fibrous tampon;~~

wherein said liquid glycerin is present in an amount between about 0.01 grams to about 0.05 grams, and

wherein said liquid glycerin is naturally sourced.

7. (Previously Presented) The tampon of claim 6, further comprising one or more additional malodor counteractants selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, acid, base, oxidant, chelating agent, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, and any mixtures thereof.

8 - 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A fibrous tampon for absorbing body fluids comprising:  
a fibrous article having at least one inner layer and at least one outer layer suitable for absorbing said body fluids; and

a liquid glycerin that does not support microbial growth, disposed continuously along a longitudinal extant of said at least one inner layer to absorb odors associated

with said body fluids, wherein said liquid glycerin is present in an amount between about 0.01 grams to about 0.12 grams.

21. (Previously Presented) The tampon of claim 20, wherein said liquid glycerin is combined with at least one additional malodor counteractant material selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, acid, base, oxidant, chelating agent, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, zeolite, and any mixtures thereof.

22. (Previously Presented) The tampon of claim 20, wherein said liquid glycerin is naturally sourced.

23. (Previously Presented) The tampon of claim 21, wherein said one additional malodor counteractant material is naturally sourced.

24 - 25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A method of deodorizing a vaginal area comprising: applying to said vaginal area a multi-layered fibrous absorbent article having a malodor counteractant material comprising:

glycerin; and

at least one additional malodor counteractant material selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, citric acid, base, EDTA, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, zeolite, and any mixtures thereof,

wherein said glycerin and said at least one additional malodor counteractant material counteracts malodor in said vaginal area, wherein said multi-layered fibrous

absorbent article has an inner layer and an outer layer, and wherein said glycerin and said at least one additional malodor counteractant material are incorporated in said multi-layered fibrous absorbent article between said inner layer and said outer layer.

27. (Previously Presented) A method of deodorizing a vaginal area comprising:  
applying to said vaginal area a fibrous absorbent article having a fibrous material suitable for absorbing body fluids and a liquid glycerin that does not support microbial growth disposed in said fibrous material,

wherein said liquid glycerin is present in an amount between about 0.01 grams to about 0.05 grams,

wherein said fibrous absorbent article has at least one inner layer and at least one outer layer,

wherein said liquid glycerin is disposed on said fibrous absorbent article, and  
wherein said liquid glycerin counteracts malodor in said vaginal area.

28 - 30. (Canceled)

31. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein said inner layer and said outer layer form a cross-pad configuration.

32. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein said malodor counteractant material is present in an amount of about 0.01 grams to about 0.12 grams.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said malodor counteractant material is present in an amount of about 0.01 grams to about 0.05 grams.

34. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein said at least one inner layer and said at least one outer layer form a cross-pad configuration.